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In re Application of	:
John G. Freed	:
Application No. 09/035,944	: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: March 6, 1998	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 027575-152	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 4, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an RCE and an amendment; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Office action of June 30, 2004, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2682.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Creasy".

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